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1. [REDACTED] Dorothy Fosdick, Professional Staff Director, Senate Government Operations Committee, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, called to request a briefing on Soviet grain for Howard Feldman, David Vienna (of the Committee staff), and possibly herself, at 5:00 p.m. today. She said she had learned from her intelligence that we were providing a briefing on the subject matter to the House Agriculture Committee, and I told her that if this was so, her intelligence was ahead of any communication we had received. Mr. Proctor arranged for [REDACTED] OER, to provide the briefing.

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2. [REDACTED] Tom Leffler, White House staff, returned my call of Thursday and he said they had just missed on the Turkish aid vote. I told him that General Walters had briefed the Senate Armed Services Committee on [REDACTED] Turkey earlier Thursday. STAT

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3. [REDACTED] Called and later met with John Swanner, Staff Director, House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, and provided the follow-up material from the Director's session with Chairman John J. Flynt (D., Ga.) and Swanner Saturday morning.

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4. [REDACTED] Discussed with Dave Bowers, FBI, the action of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee on H.R. 6227, Right of Counsel for Federal Employees, in which, contrary to our expectations, Representative Dominick V. Daniels (D., N.J.) decided against introducing his amendment to exempt CIA, NSA, and FBI from the bill.

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5. [REDACTED] Called Robert Lockhart, Counsel, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and discussed with him the background of the move to drop the Daniels amendment to H.R. 6227.

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11. [] Called Jack Marsh, Counsellor to the President, about the problems we were having with Representative Bella Abzug's (D., N.Y.) Subcommittee and her insistence on the appearance of [] OGC. I told Marsh that as the Director had indicated in his note to him last week, we are concerned about the fractionalization of jurisdiction over Agency matters in the House. Marsh said he would talk to Chairman Otis G. Pike (D., N.Y.), of the House Select Committee, to see if he would be willing to assert jurisdiction in this instance.

Later in the day, Marsh called to say that he struck out completely with Pike who said this was a matter we should take up with Representative Jack Brooks (D., Tex.), Chairman of the full House Government Operations Committee. I told Marsh that I didn't think this would be successful since we were already having jurisdictional problems with Brooks in connection with his request for a copy of the Inspector General's report of 1973.

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13. [] Received a call from Mark Kleiman, on the staff of Representative Les Aspin (D., Wis.), concerning the recent allegations about Agency counterfeiting of U.S. currency for use in Southeast Asia. I told Kleiman that there was no truth to these allegations and in response to his questions about an inquiry by Senator Henry M. Jackson's (D., Wash.) Permanent Investigations Subcommittee I said that we were doing everything we could to refute these allegations, but this is another case where it is difficult to prove the negative. He asked that we keep him posted on this subject and I said I would do so.

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14. [] Bill Ashworth, on the staff of the Arms Control, International Organizations and Security Agreements Subcommittee, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called to make a last minute check on Carl Duckett's briefing of the Subcommittee tomorrow morning. He wanted to be sure that the briefing didn't merely go through the various countries in alphabetical order. I told him that I was quite sure that Mr. Duckett planned to cover the most important countries first and then cover the remaining countries in order of the decreasing likelihood of their developing nuclear weapons capability. The above information was passed on to [] Associate Deputy Director for Science and Technology, who saw no difficulty with it.

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18. [REDACTED] Received a call from Chuck Snodgrass, on the staff of the House Appropriations Subcommittee, asking the Director to appear before the Subcommittee at 4:00 tomorrow, to brief the Subcommittee on the most recent covert action finding. Snodgrass said the Director should also be prepared to discuss this process in general, i.e., why it is necessary for CIA to carry out this program, why there is no written report to the Congress, etc.

I mentioned to Snodgrass that I had on my desk, some material we had assembled in response to the Chairman's request for material on the legal aspects on the need for secrecy. Snodgrass said that if we could get this material to him tomorrow morning, he would come in at 8:00 a.m. to review it and he pointed out that he thought it was in the Agency's best interest to do this since the open budget issue would possibly be decided on by the Subcommittee sometime tomorrow. [REDACTED] will see that Snodgrass has the material by 8:00 in the morning.

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21. [REDACTED] Called the House Armed Services Committee staff, and asked them to advise Mr. Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, that the Columbia Reporting Firm had completed the transcription of Gen. Walters' testimony of 24 July 1975 and that the transcripts are available as the Committee may desire.

22. [REDACTED] Spoke with Steve Lashbrook, on the staff of Representative Charles E. Grassley (R., Iowa). Lashbrook had a letter from a constituent, [REDACTED] who claimed that he was on the "blacklist" from July 1961 to May 1972 and as a result was having problems getting a job. I determined from the Office of Personnel that a [REDACTED] had applied to the Agency in the early 1970's. I told Lashbrook that this Agency did not have a blacklist and that [REDACTED] should have no fears about the Agency influencing his job opportunities. Lashbrook said [REDACTED] might want to write to the Agency to see if there was a file on him. I therefore explained to him the procedure of inquiring under the FOIA.

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24. [] Mrs. Anderson, staff of the Subcommittee on Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Senate Government Operations Committee, called and said they had a letter for the Director they would like picked up. I told her I would send a courier to pick up the letter.

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25. [] Maryann Albertson, in the office of Senator Dick Clark (D., Iowa), called to request that the briefing scheduled for tomorrow, 29 July at 4:00 p.m. on South Africa be changed to Monday, 4 August, along with the briefing scheduled on Angola, Mozambique, and Rhodesia. [] OCI, has been advised.

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26. [] Bob Carlstrom, OMB, phoned to ask that we forward our report on S. 495, the Watergate Reform and Reorganization Act, as soon as possible in light of the hearings which the Senate Government Operations Committee is intending to hold on 29 and 30 July. I told him that the report would be on its way by tomorrow.

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27. [] Werner Brandt, Administrative Assistant to Representative Thomas Foley (D., Wash.), called to ask for an Agency briefing on Soviet wheat for the House Agriculture Committee sometime before recess. He suggested 8:00 a.m., Thursday, 31 July, for an informal off-the-record session.

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